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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the nonfinal office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2007 in the above identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested

A Petition for a three month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2055C.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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